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MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM TO HOST NATURAL EXPRESSIONS EXHIBIT



Sunday Market by Tracey C. Witter

LINCROFT — The Monmouth County Park System is hosting ***Natural Expressions***, a group exhibit showcasing the works of artists Tracey C. Witter, Troy Bynum and Pete MacConnell at the “Gallery” at the Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft. An opening reception is planned from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, June 13, and will feature light refreshments and music by Joe Frame.

The exhibit features pieces inspired by the beauty of the natural world by artists working in different mediums. A passionate watercolor artist, Tracey C. Witter paints landscapes, flowers and still lifes. Her creative journey began by studying graphic art and design at the Art Institute of Philadelphia. Expanding into fine art, she has worked in acrylics, pastels, and – her true love – watercolor. Its fluidity and transparency allow Tracey to capture the ever-changing moods and the delicate intricacies of nature.

Passionate about watercolor, Tracey also gives painting lessons, hosts workshops, and teaches at the Creative Arts Center.

Artist Troy Bynum, originally from Philadelphia, PA, is an enthusiastic birder and passionate wildlife photographer. His work is an ode to the awe-inspiring array of colors, the dance of intricate patterns, and the tactile richness that graces every corner of the natural tapestry. Embracing his role as a steward of nature's wonders, Troy founded TB Wildlife Photography, LLC, where he leads bird walks, orchestrates private tours, and hosts photography workshops. His many endeavors include teaching at the Creative Arts Center.

A ceramic artist living in Jackson, Pete MacConnell has a BFA in wood design and a minor in ceramics from East Carolina University. His work includes wheel-throwing and hand-building, mixing in driftwood, and other natural elements. Pete says, "introducing other media such as driftwood handles has added an element of contrasts I enjoy using." Crediting other potters and his students for inspiration, Pete teaches at the Creative Arts Center and has a home studio.

The exhibit runs June 13 to August 22. Hours are 12-4 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday or by appointment. Admission and parking are free. To learn more about the ***Natural Expressions*** exhibit, or the Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, please visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the Park System TTY/TDD number is 711.

The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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